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1. IN THE COMMENTS THAT FOLLOW, QUESTIONS IN REFTEL HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AS IF IMET WOULD CONTINUE AFTER FY 77, ALTHOUGH OUR ASSUMPTION NOW IS THAT GOG WILL NOT ACCEPT FY 78 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NOTE OF 9 MAR DECLINING FUTURE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS LONG AS IT IS CONDITIONED ON A USG EVALUATION OF THE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

2. AS A GENERAL COMMENT, TRAINING PRESENTED EXCLUSIVELY IN ENGLISH, IN WHATEVER LOCATION, GREATLY REDUCES THE ALREADY LIMITED BASE FROM WHICH THE GOG SELECTS STUDENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, A GENERAL AND TWO COLONELS WITH HIGH POTENTIAL HAD BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND THE SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT COURSE IN MONTEREY FOR FY 77. WHEN THAT COURSE WAS DISCONTINUED AND AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE OFFERED IN LIEU THEREOF, ALL HAD TO WITHDRAW BECAUSE NONE HAD THE NECESSARY FLUENCY IN ENGLISH. IF

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WE WANT TO TAP A REPRESENTATIVE SEGMENT OF POTENTIAL LEADERS FOR IMETP PROFESSIONAL COURSES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVIDE SOME TRAINING IN SPANISH.

3. SPECIFIC COMMENTS KEYED TO PARA ONE REFTEL.

A.N INDIVIDUAL HOST COUNTRY SERVICE IMET PROGRAMS ARE

DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY U.S. SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE AND HC ARMY, AF, NAVY COUNTERPART. THESE THREE PROGRAMS ARE THEN INTEGRATED AND PRIORITIZED BY (ARMY G-3) GENERAL STAFF. WE HAVE HAD NO SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENTS ON PRIORITIES.

B. GENERAL STAFF ALLOCATES TRAINING FUNDS AND GUATEMALAN NAVY AND GUATEMALAN AF RECEIVE A GREATER PORTION OF FUNDS DUE TO THEIR LIMITED TRAINING RESOURCES AND HIGHER COSTS FOR TRAINING. AF STRENGTH 500/50 PERCENT OF FUNDS; NAVY 500/20 PERCENT OF FUNDS; ARMY 13,000/30 PERCENT OF FUNDS.

C. FENCING HAS CAUSED GAF TO FOCUS ON C.Z. TECHNICAL COURSES FOR ENLISTED. FENCING IMPROVED THE AF PROGRAM. FENCING HAS FORCED ARMY INTO USING C.Z. SCHOOLS WHEN THEY PREFERRED CONUS TRAINING. IN ARMY PROGRAM THE FENCE EXCEEDED CANAL ZONE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

D. AF NO CHANGE; NAVY NO CHANGE; ARMY 76, 7T NO CHANGE. ARMY 77, CONUS - ADDITIONAL CGSC 1, INF OFF ADVANCED 2, R.W. PILOT 1, (FOR GAF). ARMY 77 C.Z. - VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE. ONLY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS, CGSC AND ADVANCED INFANTRY TNG ASSURED FOR A TOTAL OF 10 STUDENTS.

E. C.Z.: UNDER THESE CONDITIONS ONLY IAAFA TECHNICAL COURSES WOULD BE ASSURED UTILIZATION WITH REDUCTION OF CURRENT INPUT TO 25-30 STUDENTS PER YEAR. CONUS: ONLY PROBABLY TRAINING WOULD BE R.W. PILOT COURSES (4 STUDENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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PER YEAR).

F. C.Z.: - ZERO. CO US - POSSIBLY THREE COMMAND AND STAFF PER YEAR.

G. UNABLE TO ESTIMATE WITH ANY ACCURACY, BUT THERE WOULD BE DRASIC REDUCTION.

H. UNABLE TO ESTIMATE WITH ANY ACCURACY, PROBABLY NONE.

I. CONUS IMET, INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS, THIRD COUNTRY. PROFESSIONAL COURSES WOULD BE SOUGHT IN SOUTH AMERICA TO OVERCOME LANGUAGE PROBLEM.

J. SELECTION FOR ATTENDEES TO US PROFESSIONAL COURSES IS MADE BY SERVICE CHIEFS AND APPROVED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE. USMILGP AND USMISSION CONCUR WITH HC PRIORITIES AND SELECTION PROCESS. CANDIDATES ARE GENERALLY THE BEST IN HOST MILITARY.

K. HC HAS CAPABILITY TO TRAIN ENGLISH CAPABLE STUDENTS FOR ALL CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED CONUS OFFICER TRAINING EXCEPT TECHNICAL COURSES FOR PILOTS.

L. HC WOULD REACT VERY FAVORABLY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARA TWO REFTEL, IDEAL IMET PROGRAM FROM GOG POINT OF VIEW WOULD 1) SUPPLEMENT LOCAL CAPABILITIES IN MEETING ANNUAL SPECIALIST TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, 2) OFFER ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR BRANCH AND COMMAND AND STAFF TRAINING, AND 3) OFFER OCCASIONAL TOP LEVEL MANAGEMENT COURSE UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE HERE FOR MANY YEARS. THE LATTER TWO PURPOSES FIT NEATLY INTO IMET OBJECTIVES. THE FIRST PURPOSE WOULD INVOLVE PRIMARILY TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR AVIATION SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE ENLISTED SPECIALISTS AND COURSES

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FOR OFFICER SPECIALISTS. THE SMALL ANNUAL DEMAND FOR THE LATTER DOES NOT JUSTIFY ESTABLISHMENT OF A COST EFFECTIVE OR EFFICIENT TRAINING BASE. SHORT OF AN INFINITELY GREATER ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES TO MILITARY PRUPOSES, SUCH TRAINING WILL ALWAYS BE SOUGHT ABROAD.

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